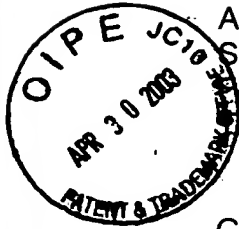


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Applicant: James R. Geary et al.
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Examiner: Hai Vo
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 26, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Filed herewith is a request for a one-month extension of time to make the time for response up to and including April 28, 2003, since April 26, 2003, is a Saturday.

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